

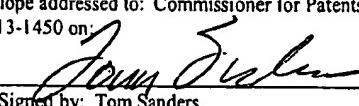
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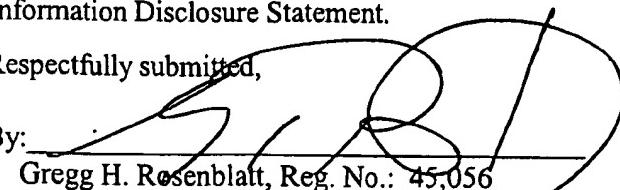
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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449, citing references submitted for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of each cited reference is also enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that each reference has been considered.

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A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being filed concurrently, thus it is believed that no fee is due for this Information Disclosure Statement.

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